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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of)
BROECKEL et al.)
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International Application)
PCT/EP 98/ 05469)
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Filed: August 28, 1998)
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BOX PCT

For: IMPREGNATED SALTS, A METHOD FOR PRODUCING SAID SALTS,
AND THE USE OF THE SAME

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 3, line 1, delete "or 2".

Claim 4, line 1, delete "any of claims 1 to 3" and insert --claim 1--.

Claim 5, line 1, delete "any of claims 1 to 4" and insert --claim 1--.

Claim 8, line 1, delete "or 7".

Claim 9, line 1, delete "any of claims 6 to 8" and insert --claim 6--.

Claim 10, line 1, delete "any of claims 6 to 9" and insert --claim 6--.

Claim 11, line 1 delete "any of claims 6 to 10" and insert --claim 6--.

Claim 14, lines 2 and 3, delete "as claimed in claim 1".

Claim 16, line 2, delete "as claimed in claim 6".

R E M A R K S

The claims have been amended to eliminate multiple dependency and to put them in better form for U.S. filing. No new matter has been added.

Favorable action is solicited.